

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE:

February 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Sunrise Pedestrian Connection Update

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with the good news update on the status of the Sunrise Pedestrian Connection. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) issued a Coastal Construction Control Line Permit that will allow the City to construct the Sunrise Pedestrian Connection.

The City started the environmental permitting process in May of 2011, expecting to have the permit issued in approximately six (6) months. However, there was some delay due to requests for information regarding the project's lighting design from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). On January 29, 2012, the FWC confirmed that the project's lighting plan minimizes impacts to marine turtles and approved the lighting plan followed by FDEP issuing the State permit on February 23, 2012.

The City is in the process of soliciting a proposal for construction via JOC. It is estimated that this process will take approximately another month to negotiate, award, and obtain local permits. The actual construction is estimated to take five months. In summary, it is anticipated that Sunrise Plaza will be operational by August 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

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